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In re Application of :  
 Jian J. CHEN et al. : Confirmation No. 3505  
 Application No. 10/647,347 : Group Art Unit: 1763  
 Filed: August 26, 2003 : Examiner: Luz L. Alejandro Mulero  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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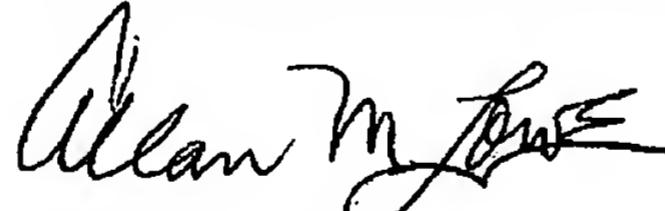
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